



# BONHOMME RICHARD'S ALMANAC

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**"I have not yet begun to fight!"**



## AMERICAN JETS BOMB IRAQ IN SHADOWS

By James Kitfield

Eight times in the past three months, American combat jets have dropped bombs or sent rockets slamming into targets on the ground in Iraq. The latest incident came on June 6 when U.S. fighters, participating in Operation Southern Watch, pounced on an air defense site in the no-fly zone in southern Iraq. The raid came after Iraqi gunners had earlier used antiaircraft artillery against American planes patrolling the skies over Saddam Hussein's patch of the world.

Indeed, exchanges of fire between Iraqi air defense units and U.S. and allied aircraft have become so routine that they rarely even rate prominent mention in the papers. This is a conflict that has gone on for nine years now, yet is all but unknown to most Americans.

"It is kind of a surreal mission, because a lot of people back home don't seem to be aware of what we're doing," said one senior Air Force officer involved in Southern Watch.

For the Air Force, Navy, and Marine pilots risking their lives daily over Iraq, many of whom are now on their third or fourth deployment to the region, the point of it all is sometimes hard to see. "The concern you sometimes hear from aircrews is that they don't understand from a policy standpoint where this mission is heading," the officer said.

Operation Southern Watch and its sibling Northern Watch now enforce no-fly zones, which bar Iraqi aircraft from taking to the skies, that cover 60 percent of the land area of Iraq. Since December 1998, when the pace of this shadow war picked up, American and British pilots have reported more than 470 "hostile provocations" by Iraqi air defense units in the southern zone alone.



Navy Hospital Corps personnel from USS BONHOMME RICHARD and the 15<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) gathered in the ship's primary ward to celebrate the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Navy Hospital Corps. During the event, they took time to remember the honor, valor and sacrifice of Navy Hospital Corpsman who have served the Navy and Marine Corps. The cake for the anniversary was cut by the senior corpsman, HMC Jose Viloria from MSSG-15 (at left), Capt. Robert J. Connelly and HN Ted Gutierrez of BLT 4. (Photo by JO1(SW) Robert W. Garnand.)

## NATIONAL NEWS

# STUDY CITES MISTAKES IN DEATH SENTENCES

*By Fox Butterfield*

The most far-reaching study of the death penalty in the United States has found that two out of three convictions were overturned on appeal. The main cause was because of serious errors by incompetent defense lawyers or overzealous police officers and prosecutors who withheld evidence.

The study was an examination of appeals in all capital cases from the time the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty, which began in 1973 until 1995. It also found that 75 percent of the people whose death sentences were set aside were later given lesser sentences after retrials, in plea bargains or by order of a judge. An additional 7 percent were found not guilty on retrial.

Eighteen percent were given the death penalty on retrial, but many of these had their convictions overturned again in the appeals process. The study, to be released Monday, is

based on a search of state and federal court records. It was conducted by a team of lawyers and criminologists at Columbia University led by James Liebman, a professor of law who has served as a defense lawyer in death penalty trials and appeals.

The report is likely to intensify a debate about the death penalty provoked by the release of some death row inmates after new DNA technology helped exonerate them.

## CONGRATULATIONS ENLISTED AVIATION WARFARE SPECIALIST

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### \*WEDNESDAY'S SITE TV SCHEDULE\*

#### CHANNEL 2

1040 DOWN IN THE DELTA

1230 MUMFORD

1430 THE GAME

1630 LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

1800 PLATOON

2000 MIDNIGHT RUN

#### CHANNEL 6

1040 TRIAL & ERROR

1230 MERCURY RISING

1430 FALLEN

1630 DIRTY WORK

1800 THIRTEENTH FLOOR

2000 2 DAYS IN THE VALLEY

TV SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS

## N ATIONAL / I NTERNATIONAL NEWS

### **DREAM MACHINE'S MYSTERY MOMENT**

*By Richard J. Newman*

It was a beautiful night to land an airplane on the desert plateau. As the brand-new V 22 transport aircraft commanded by Maj. John "Boot" Brow flew toward Marana airport, just northwest of Tucson, Ariz., on April 8, it dipped over a moonlit mountain range and into a wide valley. Not a single cloud obscured the rugged landscape. Advanced night-vision goggles gave Brow and his co-pilot, Maj. Brooks "Chuckie" Gruber, an excellent view of the airfield ahead.

As the plane slowed to land, its high-tech rotors pivoted from the forward-facing mode that made it fly like an airplane to the upward-facing mode that converted it into a helicopter. The pivot went off without a hitch. But the pilots had a problem. As they got close to the airfield, the plane was higher than the flight plan called for. The pilots hurried to descend. At some point, the descent exceeded 1,400 feet per minute-nearly twice the V 22's maximum safe descent rate of 800 feet per minute under landing conditions.

### **U.S., ISOLATED NATION OF WORLD**

*By New York Times*

The United States, isolated among the nations of the world, is going into a crucial conference on the soon-to-be-established International Criminal Court still asking for changes. The U.S. is trying to protect its soldiers and officials from falling under the court's jurisdiction. But all members of the European Union and of NATO have said that there should be no attempt to reopen the debate.

### **WAR GAMES AIMED AT SECOND ALAMO**

*By Paul Bedard*

A new day is dawning in the military, and Pentagon war games are trying to train for it. Where strategists typically plan for major overseas wars, instructors at the National War College in Washington last week tried out a different, maybe more realistic, scenario: Mexico's government is overtaken by drug lords.

Two million refugees flee across the United States border. Some Americans are injured and killed by armed Mexican bandits. Participants were stumped by the fictional conflict.

"They are conditioned by 20 years of experience to think of the U.S. role in the world as being across the oceans," says David Tretler, a faculty member who played the president. The final solution: invade Mexico.

## SPORTS

### **GOODEN SIGNS MINOR LEAGUE DEAL**

*By Associated Press*

The New York Yankees are giving Dwight Gooden yet another chance. The 35-year-old right-hander, released by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays two weeks ago, has signed a minor league contract with the Yankees.

#### **Interleague scores:**

St. Louis	7	Detroit	3
Toronto	8	Montreal	3
Boston	5	Atlanta	3
Tampa Bay	7	Florida	6
Baltimore	7	Philadelphia	2
Milwaukee	5	Minnesota	3
Chi. Cubs	6	Chi. White Sox	5
Cincinnati	7	Cleveland	5
Pittsburgh	10	Kansas City	6
Colorado	9	Texas	8

## U.S. PREDICTS EFFECTS OF RISING TEMPERATURES

By Andrew C. Revkin

A warming of the global climate is likely to have substantial consequences around the United States in coming decades, including bumper crops in the heartland and chronic erosion of coasts, summer water shortages and winter floods in the West, and a

New York City as hot in summer as present-day Atlanta.

These are a few of the predictions made in the first thorough federal assessment of the possible effects on the country of a warming trend that many scientists expect will characterize coming decades. Increasingly, mainstream scientists are concluding that a buildup in the atmosphere of heat-trapping gases like carbon dioxide has contributed to a warming seen in the last 100 years, and they say the trend is likely to carry well into the new century.

At this pace, the average temperature in the country would rise 5 to 10 degrees in the next century, although the authors stressed that this was only one possibility. The study was ordered by Congress in 1990 to help lawmakers identify vulnerabilities and potential benefits of the warming trend. It only kicked into high gear three years ago, when computer models grew sophisticated enough to analyze links between the atmosphere and oceans and local systems like crops and forests.



### Revolutionary Gator Of The Day



AR Chastity L. Woodruff  
Supply Department, S-2 Division  
Hometown: Yreka, Calif.  
Qualification: Night Watch Food  
Service Attendant

Woodruff works through the night doing a superior job of maintaining the cleanliness and sanitation in the galley and serving Midrats and Breakfast to the crew.

### CONGRATULATIONS ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE SPECIALIST

SM2 Lonnie C. McDonald  
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MM2 Rodney R. McGahan  
MM1 Mark L. Waldvogel  
HM1 Deree A. Miller



**BONHOMME RICHARD FIELD DAY**

*Photos by JO3 Laura C. Wiggins*



*IT3 Kim Stevenson and IT3 Steve Joseph wipe down the bulkhead of one of Communications Department's passageways.*



*OS3 Sam Adams and Midshipman 2nd class Arthur Rodriguez swept up and scrubbed down a head on the O-2 level.*



*RP2 Anthony Pilozo wipes down the overhead and bulkhead of the fan room located within the Chaplain's office space.*



*HM3 Mary Carr and HM3 Terri Gianoti field day a ladder near medical, as well as the adjoining passageway.*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

MM3 Daniel	Abruzzese	OS2 Wendy	Lopez
ABF3 Oluseg	Ajayi	IS2 Josue	Lopez
ABF3 Josephine	Atkinson	EM3 Charles	Lott
CTO2 Jason	Baney	ABF3 Joseph	Lozano
IS3 Dorothy	Barnhouser	ABH3 Ernest	Luera
AG3 Arlen	Barwick	GM2 William	Luera
BM2 Donta	Beamon	AD3 Rafael	Maciasvalle
MS3 Heather	Begor	FC2 Seth	Marks
AK3 Phuong	Bosque	HT3 Louis	Massey
MR3 Kasi	Boyer	OS3 Michael	McGilbra
AMS3 Mark	Bradley	MM3 Rahmad	McLaughlin
HM3 Mary	Carr	AD3 Jose	Medinacastro
DK2 Ryan	Carvajal	AC2 Patricia	Melton
MM3 Stephen	Causey	SH3 Abel	Mercado
BM3 John	Christian	SK3 Nena	Mercant
YN2 Jessica	Christiansen	YN3 Sandra	Miller
MM3 Charles	Clark	MM3 Juan	Morales
FC2 Garrick	Combs	EN2 Julio	Morales
ABH3 Aurthur	Consignado	SK3 Tyrecus	Morgan
OS2 Shawn	Cooney	CTR3 Duwan	Morrison
ABF3 Nick	Cordrey	FC2 Steven	Moser
IT1 Jose	Coronado	EM3 Kaniko	Neighbors
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MA2 Roberta	Cox	ABH3 Phoungun	Ngouyaphanh
DK3 Joanne	Cruz	MM2 Jeffrey	Nichols
EM2 Vu	Dao	AC2 Markiv	Nious
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AMS3 John	Desplinter	EM3 Ignatius	O'Reilly
BM3 Rosendo	Dominguez	ABF3 Miguel	Ortega
DK2 Crystal	Draper	MM3 Albert	Osburn
AG3 Keith	Dukes Ii	EN3 Cesarina	Ovandomieses
SH1 Dewayne	Edwards	ABH3 Sonia	Pando
ABH3 Tara	Fernando	IS3 Veronica	Pedroza
SH3 Kentricia	Fowler	AG2 Matthew	Porter
BM3 Veronica	Frasquillo	IC2 David	Quintanilla
ABH3 Annette	Garcia	ABH3 Jaynell	Reid
ABH3 Luis	Garcia	GM3 Christopher	Reninger
EM2 Roberto	Garcia	SK3 Michael	Robinson
AK3 Pamela	Garner	OS1 Rory	Rothell
PC3 Deshawn	Gibbs	CTR2 David	Ruckdeschel
OS2 Hector	Guerra	QM3 James	Silverthorn
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MM2 Ricardo	Gutierrez	AE2 Chad	Smith
IS3 Zacheria	Hahn	IC1 William	Smith
MM3 John	Harris	AO3 Kelley	Snodgrass
FC2 Eric	Ho	EN1 Rex	Thomas
OS1 James	Holston	EN2 Juan	Torio
OS2 Chermeca	Hopson	PC3 Rebecca	Tramte
IC1 Ike	Howard	ABH3 Davida	Tsosit
DK3 Jessica	Howard	IS3 Norman	Tyler
AK1 Robert	Ives	MS2 Arvin	Unawa
BM3 Eric	Johnson	EM2 Henry	Velasco
ABF3 Kate	Kalinsky	ABH3 Amberlin	Vernon
PN3 Jessica	Kelly	ABF2 Ernesto	Viloria
IS3 James	Kim	AS3 Brandy	Wagner
AK3 Jin	Kim	FC2 Bradley	Walls
FC2 Benjamin	Kohler	ABH3 Paul	Wilcox
EN2 Michael	Ladd	ABH3 Aton	Williams
MM3 David	Lewis	BM3 Luke	Woodin
EM2 Engelberto	Lim	AK1 Chontay	Woodruff
YN3 Angela	Longley	FC1 Ronnie	Wright
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Executive officer	(01) 396-6402 Shore Patrol
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AIMD	(01) 396-6407
S MO	(01) 396-6406
Ops	(01) 396-6404
Suppo	(01) 396-6403
SECO	(01) 396-6411
Cheng	(01) 396-6405
Chaplain	(01) 396-6408
Legal	(01) 396-6410
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BHR pager Directory no.

US Navy Beach Guard	(076) 343-001
US Navy Beach Guard	(076) 340-301
(01) 396-6414	
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Ships Company Pagers

CDR Brown	271631
Duty Medical	271632

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LtCol Redfern, HMM	(01) 415-0154
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(Fleet landing from 0700-1000	
SgtMaj Ybarra	(01) 415-0158

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N1	(01) 397-3302
N3/N4	(01) 397-3303
NCIS	(01) 397-3304
C M C	(01) 397-3305
SD	(01) 397-3306
SDO	(01) 397-3307

Emergency Contact Directory

Bangkok Phuket Hospital	(076) 254-421 thru 429
Patong Beach Police (Kathu)	(076) 191
Tourist Police	(076) 212-468
US DAO US Embassy Bangkok	(076) 205-4386, (02) 205-4000

Using Pre-Paid Calling Card

Sprint	001-9991-3877
MCI	001-9991-2001
AT & T	001-9991-1111

Telephone Dialing Instructions

1. Calling Cellular phone to Cellular phone, do not use (01)  
Example Calling Fleet landing, dial 396-6415
2. Calling Cellular phone from a land line, use (01)  
Example: Calling Quarterdeck. Dial (01) 415-0497
3. Calling land line from a Land Line, use (076)  
Example: Calling Tourist Police, dial (076) 212-468
4. Calling Land line from a cellular phone, use (076)  
Example: calling Tourist Police, dial (076) 212-468
5. Calling Bangkok: Dial area code (02), then dial telephone number.  
Example: calling US Embassy, dial (02) + 205-4386
6. Calling Phuket: Dial area code (076), then dial telephone number.  
Example: calling tourist police, dial (076) + 212-468
7. Calling the USA via Bahrain FOTS  
Dial pots access code + 9901 + area code + Number
8. Calling USA via San Diego FOTS  
Dial Number
9. Calling from San Diego to ship San Diego FOTS  
Dial Number
10. Calling from USA other San Diego ship San Diego FOTS  
Dial 1+ (619) + Number
11. Calling from USA to Bahrain FOTS  
Dial 011+ 973 + 74 + last 4 digits of pots number

International calling using a cellular phone:

1. Calling the USA with cellular phone, dial 0011 + area code + telephone number.
2. Calling from USA to a cellular phone, dial 011 + 66 + 01 + cellular phone number.
3. Calling from Pots to cellular phone, dial access code + 9 + 011 + 66 + 01 + cellular phone number.

Calling a pager:

1. Calling a pager, dial 162, give pager number you wish to contact and message to operator.  
Operator will pass message to the desired number within 2 minutes.